

[Docket No. FR-6394-N-01]

Annual Indexing of Basic Statutory Mortgage Limits for Multifamily Housing Programs;

**Annual Indexing of Substantial Rehabilitation Threshold** 

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner,

HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Housing Act, HUD is providing notice of adjustment to the Basic Statutory Mortgage Limits for Multifamily Housing Programs for calendar year 2023. HUD is also providing notice of adjustment to the per unit cost threshold for determining substantial rehabilitation in the Multifamily Housing Programs pursuant to its

administrative guidance for calendar year 2023.

**DATES:** Applicable January 1, 2023.

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disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit:

https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 206A of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1712a) provides authority for the annual adjustment for the following FHA multifamily statutory dollar limits:

- I. Section 207(c)(3)(A) (12 U.S.C. 1713(c)(3)(A));
- II. Section 213(b)(2)(A) (12 U.S.C. 1715e(b)(2)(A));
- III. Section 220(d)(3)(B)(iii)(I) (12 U.S.C. 1715k(d)(3)(B)(iii)(I));

- IV. Section 221(d)(4)(ii)(I) (12 U.S.C. 1715l(d)(4)(ii)(I));
- V. Section 231(c)(2)(A) (12 U.S.C. 1715v(c)(2)(A)); and
- VI. Section 234(e)(3)(A) (12 U.S.C. 1715y(e)(3)(A)).

Section 206A goes on to state that the preceding "Dollar Amounts" shall be adjusted annually (commencing in 2004) on the effective date of the Federal Reserve Board's adjustment of the \$400 figure in the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act of 1994 (HOEPA). The adjustment of the Dollar Amounts shall be calculated using the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI–U) as applied by the Federal Reserve Board for purposes of the above-described HOEPA adjustment.

## (b) Notification

The Federal Reserve Board on a timely basis shall notify the Secretary, or his designee, in writing of the adjustment described in subsection (a) and of the effective date of such adjustment to permit the Secretary to undertake publication in the Federal Register of corresponding adjustments to the Dollar Amounts. The dollar amount of any adjustment shall be rounded to the next lower dollar.

Note that 206A has not been updated to reflect the fact that HOEPA has been revised to use \$1,000 as the basis for the adjustment rather than \$400, and the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau has replaced the Federal Reserve Board in administering the adjustment. These changes were made by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act's amendments to the Truth in Lending Act, as further explained in the regulatory implementation of said changes found in 78 FR 6856, 6879 (Jan. 31, 2013).

The percentage change in the CPI-U used for the HOEPA adjustment is an 8.3 percent increase and the effective date of the HOEPA adjustment is January 1, 2023. The Dollar Amounts under section 206A have been adjusted correspondingly and have an effective date of January 1, 2023. (See 87 FR 78831, Dec. 23, 2022).

These revised statutory limits may be applied to FHA multifamily mortgage insurance applications submitted or amended on or after January 1, 2023, so long as the loan has not been initially endorsed.

The adjusted Dollar Amounts for calendar year 2023 are shown below.

## Basic Statutory Mortgage Limits for Calendar Year 2023 Multifamily Loan Program

Section 207—Multifamily Housing;

Section 207 pursuant to Section 223(f)—Purchase or Refinance Housing; and,

Section 220—Housing in Urban Renewal Areas

Bedrooms	Non-	Elevator
	elevator	
0	\$61,944	\$72,252
1	68,618	80,058
2	81,964	98,166
3	101,027	122,948
4+	114,373	139,021

Section 213—Cooperatives

Bedrooms	Non-	Elevator
	Elevator	
0	\$67,130	\$71,480
1	77,404	80,984
2	93,351	98,477
3	119,491	127,399
4+	133,122	139,848

Section 234—Condominium Housing

Bedrooms	Non-	Elevator
	Elevator	
0	\$68,500	\$72,088
1	78,983	82,638
2	95,256	100,490
3	121,932	130,002
4+	135,837	142,701

Section 221(d)(4)—Moderate Income Housing

Bedrooms	Non-	Elevator
	Elevator	
0	\$61,646	\$66,591
1	69,980	76,340
2	84,589	92,831
3	106,172	120,090
4+	119,973	131,826

Section 231—Housing for the Elderly

Bedrooms	Non-	Elevator
	Elevator	
0	\$58,609	\$66,591
1	65,522	76,340
2	78,244	92,831
3	94,163	120,090
4+	110,705	131,826

Section 207—Manufactured Home Parks

Per Space—\$28,437

**Indexing of per Unit Limit for Substantial Rehabilitation for Calendar Year 2023** 

The 2016 Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) Guide established a base amount

of \$15,000 per unit to define substantial rehabilitation for FHA insured loan programs. Section

5.1.2.A.2.b of the 2020 MAP Guide requires that this base amount be annually adjusted for

inflation based on the percentage change published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the

Department of Labor or other inflation cost index. Applying the HOEPA adjustment to the base

amount, the 2023 base amount per dwelling unit to determine substantial rehabilitation for FHA

insured loan programs is \$18,392.

This per unit cost threshold for substantial rehabilitation may be applied to FHA

multifamily mortgage insurance applications submitted or amended on or after January 1, 2023,

so long as the loan has not been initially endorsed.

**Environmental Impact** 

This issuance establishes mortgage and cost limits that do not constitute a development

decision affecting the physical condition of specific project areas or building sites. Accordingly,

under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6), this notice is categorically excluded from environmental review under

the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321).

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